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**REMARKS:**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

The above noted amendment to the specification has been made to assert Applicant's priority claims under 35 USC § 371 and Article 4 of the Paris Convention. No new matter is being introduced by the proposed amendment.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, which is permitted under South African law. Applicant submits that the amendments do not narrow the scope of protection sought in any manner. Further these amendments are being made for purposes unrelated to the art of record and have been made to place the application in the best format possible for examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The claims as amended are submitted as being clearly distinct and patentable over the art of record and therefore Applicant respectfully requests their allowance by the Examiner.

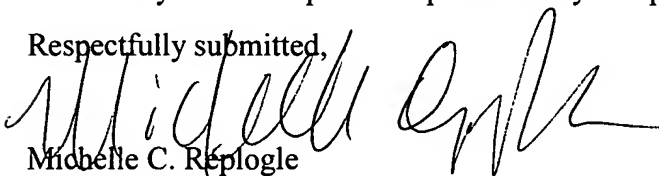
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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 10025.0161.PCUS00.

The Examiner is invited to directly contact the undersigned representative by telephone to discuss any issues or questions presented by this paper.

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